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USIS men freed in Beirut  
BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (R). — Two American offi-  
cials kidnapped in Beirut last October were  
released today, informed sources said.  
The two men, Charles Gallagher, director of  
a U.S. government printing press here, and Mr.  
William Dykes captured on their way to  
work early on the morning of October 22, were  
freed at the Beirut home of Lebanese Progres-  
sive Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt.

## In first U.S. primary Ford squeaks by Reagan; Carter tops Democrats

CONCORD, New Hampshire, Feb. 25, (Agencies). — President Ford emerged today as victor of the first presidential primary of 1976 with a slim majority of two percentage points over his Republican rival, Ronald Reagan.  
Final voting tallies showed that Mr Ford beat the onetime governor of California by a scant 1,256 votes out of a total Republican poll of 108,002, but Mr Ford's 54,629 votes won him 19 delegates to the Republican nominating convention while Mr Reagan, who polled 53,373 votes, garnered the remaining two delegates.  
White House Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Mr Ford was delighted by his victory in a state where Mr Reagan's lengthy campaign tours and his conservatism were expected to provide him with a strong showing among Republicans.  
Mr Ford faces less trouble next Tuesday in Massachusetts, where Mr Reagan enjoys only limited support. But the president is in for a much stiffer fight on March 9 in Florida, a southern state with a Republican electorate every bit as conservative as the granite state of New Hampshire.  
On the Democratic Party side, Georgia's former Governor Jimmy Carter, who was yesterday's big winner in New Hampshire with 30 per cent of the vote, drove today in a triumphal motorcade to campaign in nearby Massachusetts.  
With all but one of New Hampshire's 299 polling stations reporting, Mr Carter had received 22,975 votes, Arizona Congressman Morris Udall had 18,301 votes (24 per cent), Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana received 12,372 votes (16 per cent), former Senator Fred Harris from Oklahoma had 8,690 votes (11 per cent) and the late President John Kennedy's brother-in-law Sargent Shriver received 6,541 votes (nine per cent).

Mr. Carter, a middle-of-the-road Democrat, will face not only the liberals who opposed him in New Hampshire and whose combined vote was 60 per cent of the poll, but also two candidates on his right, Washington's Senator Henry ("Scoop") Jackson and Governor George Wallace of Alabama.  
The Carter-Wallace duel shaping up in Florida promises to attract as much attention as the battle between President Ford and Mr Reagan.  
Both Gov. Wallace and Mr Carter are anxious for a strong showing in a state close to their home bases in the south and each heartily dislikes the other.  
In Washington President Ford predicted he would win the Republican presidential nomination on the first ballot at the party's convention in Kansas City in August.



GOOD RESULTS. — Republican Presidential hopeful Ronald Reagan expresses satisfaction over his showing at primary returns. (AP wirephoto).

## Makarios says Turks stall over peace negotiations

NICOSIA, Feb. 25, (R). — In his first public comment on the recent Cyprus peace talks, President Makarios said today that no substantive progress had been made and he accused the Turkish Cypriots of using delaying tactics.  
Greek and Turkish Cypriot negotiators held five days of talks in Vienna last week.  
Archbishop Makarios said: "I am sorry to say that no substantive progress was made during those long negotiations," adding "there was neither a deadlock nor a breakthrough."  
"It is my opinion," the Archbishop said, "that the Turkish Cypriots are using delaying tactics."  
Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said today Israel was prepared to resume talks at the Geneva peace conference if it were convened according to its original mandate.  
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## Polisario Front dismisses Moroccan W. Sahara move

ALGIERS, Feb. 25 (R). — A spokesman for the Western Sahara's Polisario Front independence movement said today that the majority of the former Jemaa (assembly) of the Western Sahara was now fighting against Moroccan troops and would not be going to El Aaiun on Thursday.  
The spokesman said that an announcement from Rabat about a meeting of the Jemaa in the territory's capital of El Aaiun was a Moroccan attempt "to cover up their politico-military setbacks" particularly when ministers of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) are meeting in Addis Ababa.  
"For the Saharan people there is now no Jemaa. Its former members are now combatants."  
The Polisario Front has published the names of 67 members of the 101-man assembly who last November signed a document dissolving the institution created by Spain in 1968.  
More former Jemaa members have since been reported as joining the Front's struggle for independence.  
A 41-member Provisional National Council has been set up to replace the colonial assembly.  
It was announced in Rabat that Morocco and Mauritania would formally consult the people of Western Sahara about their future when the Jemaa meets in El Aaiun on Thursday.  
Spain is withdrawing from the territory on Saturday.  
Meanwhile, the official Algerian news agency APS has decried Moroccan reports that an Algerian military convoy was wiped out near the Western Sahara oasis of Guelta-Zemmour on Monday.  
The agency said the report yesterday from Foz of an "Algerian rout" was the "deceitful invention... of Morocco."

## Cabinet approves JD8m for housing tax exemptions

AMMAN. — The cabinet Wednesday decided to allocate J.D. 8.2 million for housing projects, five million of which will go to government employee housing.  
In addition, 50 per cent of the net income of governmental and armed forces personnel and 25 per cent of those in the private sector will be tax exempt.  
The decision was announced following Wednesday night's cabinet meeting. The government also decided to cut down on red tape as part of the new Five-Year Plan.

## Israeli delegation to sound out Washington on M.E. peace moves

JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (Agencies). — A team of Israeli officials will leave for Washington shortly to study the implications of a possible agreement with Arab countries to end the state of belligerence, Israel Radio reported tonight.  
After Israel and the U.S. reached agreement, American envoys would approach the Arabs to learn their reactions to the proposal, according to a "senior official in Jerusalem" cited by the radio.  
But Israeli efforts to end the state of war could not exclude the possibility of war this year, the official warned.  
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In a related development, former Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Dayan predicted in Paris today that Israel probably can negotiate an end to the state of war with Egypt and Syria if the Soviet Union and United States agree.  
In exchange, Israel would withdraw from half of the Golan Heights and half of the Sinai Peninsula, he said, retaining the western shore of the Gulf of Aqaba.  
General Dayan said he thought Syria would accept if Israel rebuilt the city of Quneitra on the Golan Heights and part of the 60,000 Syrian refugees from the October, 1973, war were resettled on the Heights.  
The Soviet Union was trying to increase its influence among the Arabs, but wished to avoid a new war, the General said.  
He said he did not believe a single Arab head of state really wanted a Palestinian state to be set up between Jordan and Israel.  
However, Syria last month (Continued on page 6)

## Before touring provinces Nixon hosts Chinese to lavish banquet

PEKING, Feb. 25 (Agencies). — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon tonight concluded a four-day visit to Peking by predicting China and the United States would work together to build a better world.  
He was speaking at a nine-course farewell banquet he gave for some 300 guests in the Great Hall of the People — the first ever given there by a private visitor.  
"We have begun to build a great bridge that will reach all the way from the Golden Gate of California to the Golden Gate of Heavenly Peace in Peking," Mr. Nixon told his guests.  
Throughout his stay in Peking the Chinese have given the disgraced politician a reception befitting a state leader and after the banquet they called him in for more talks.  
He has already had three sessions with Acting Premier Hua Kuo-feng totalling eight hours, as well as an audience with Chairman Mao Tse-tung.  
No substantive details of the meetings have been released. In his speech tonight, Mr. Ni-



HELLO FROM FORMER PRESIDENT. — Richard Nixon meets a young student in the machinery shop at Peking's Tsinghua University during a tour of the university Wednesday.



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## Here we go

The close victory of President Ford over Ronald Reagan in Tuesday's New Hampshire primary, coupled with the clear win in the Democrats' camp by Jimmy Carter, will go a long way to stir up interest and passion as the U.S. presidential election process makes its way from now until November. What happens now is that everybody starts talking about how tenuous a grip Gerald Ford has on the Republican Party nomination, and every national magazine in America will run a cover story about Jimmy Carter and his surprisingly strong showing in the race to date.

What comes next are several months of passionate, flamboyant talk, including such vapid but electorally effective statements as George Wallace talking about pointy-headed Washington bureaucrats and Ronald Reagan saying he'll meet the Russians head-on wherever they decide to go next. Now that President Ford sees his national vote-getting power may not be as strong as it is in Michigan, he'll also probably go around making some more exciting speeches. The excitement, however, will come at the expense of reason and otherwise sober judgement.

Now we'll see some more fireworks from the candidates, and things will really explode when people like Henry Jackson, Hubert Humphrey, George Wallace and Eugene McCarthy make their televised entries into the upcoming primaries.

This is the process of presidential elections in the United States, and it is easier all around for one to accept the fact that it is a drama with more show than substance. If you accept this, the elections take on an infinitely more enjoyable aura, as the lack of meaningful debate is submerged under the ever more entertaining spectacle of grown men crossing the country waving their arms and stamping their feet and shaking their fists in the air.

The New Hampshire results will prove to be the catalyst that pushed the elections into high gear. If Jimmy Carter's success scares Henry Jackson and Hubert Humphrey, and President Ford sees the full meaning of his two percentage point victory, sit back and prepare to follow an exciting, dramatic, and important event before your very eyes.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Ad Dustour, Al-Rai and Ash Shaab newspapers Wednesday commented on three different topics—Israel's intentions, an all-Lebanese Government and Mr Brezhnev's speech before the Soviet Communist Party meeting in Moscow.

Ad Dustour said that following the Israeli cabinet decision to authorise the United States to discuss the possibility of a non-belligerency agreement between the Arabs and Israel, two Israeli senior officials came out to disclose the Zionist's concealed unwillingness to end the state of belligerency. The Israeli Chief of Staff, Mordechai Gur, in a concealed declaration said that Israel was ready to fight Iraq and Saudi Arabia, in addition to the confrontation countries... At the same time, the Israeli Finance Minister, Rabinovich, told the Knesset that in his present budget the allocations for social services have been drastically cut down, in favour of defence expenses which amounted to 35 per cent of the gross national product.

"These announcements which coincide with the arrival of the Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations in the Middle East to sound out the possibilities of peace, are self-revealing," said the newspaper. They indicate that Israel's only aim was, and still is, to continue the state of belligerency and to persist in its aggressive policy of usurping Arab land and embezzling Arab rights.

Ar-Rai was of the opinion that what Lebanon needs now is a government representing all the Lebanese within the context of no victor and no vanquished... "National reconciliation and the new national covenant ought to be brought about not merely by halting the fighting but by concerted efforts on the part of all the Lebanese to participate in an enlarged government, that would speak one language only—the language of the future of Lebanon," said the paper.

Al-Rai called upon all the Lebanese—the right, the left or any other party or parties, to speedily bury the hatchet and cooperate in good faith with Syrian mediation efforts to normalise the situation, where the most important element would be the formation of an administration representative of all Lebanese factions.

The Ash-Shaab editorial gave special prominence to Mr Brezhnev's speech in the Soviet Communist Party meeting. "The speech was a political document of great significance, because it was voiced by the political leader of one of the two superpowers."

Brezhnev, the paper added, has emphasised his country's keen desire to maintain very cordial relations with the Arab countries in general. He warned of the renewal of hostilities in the Middle East, as long as Israel insisted on its policy of occupation. The Soviet leader tried to be even-handed when he stated the Soviet Union's willingness to guarantee—with other world powers—the integrity and sovereignty of all Middle Eastern countries.

"If we as Arabs, because of America's total bias for Israel, sometimes complain that the Soviet Union does not interpret its friendship to the Arabs in the same way as does America in its relations with Israel, the fact remains that the Soviet Union is a friend of the Arabs. Any attempt to remove the Soviet Union from the region, for whatever reason, constitutes a wrong move and a free service to the enemy," it added.



CONFERENCE ENDS. — Some of the Arab Health Ministers are seen in their final session in Amman Wednesday before departing for their respective homes. (JNA photo).

## Arab health ministers conference ends

AMMAN. — The Arab Health Ministers Conference wound up its activities in Amman Wednesday with a recommendation on setting up an Arab Fund for Health Development with a \$1 million budget, medical support for the Palestinian revolution and backing for an Arab centre for research on disease.

The Conference also decided to raise relief funds to Lebanon and reviewed the latest developments on the deteriorating health situation in the occupied Arab territories.

The Arab Health Ministers also accused Israel of disregarding international resolutions related to the health of inhabitants of Israeli-occupied Arab territories.

A statement following the three-day conference said the Israeli authorities had failed to provide "the legitimate owners of the land with the simplest forms of medical care."

It called on the World Health Organisation (WHO) to take steps to enable a three-man U.N. committee entrusted with a fact-finding mission in the occupied territories to carry out its task.

Israel has refused to permit the committee to visit the occupied areas, accusing it of bias.

The statement appealed to the Director-General and the Regional Director of the WHO to make further efforts to improve health and living conditions in occupied territories.

The Conference recommended unified regulations for health administration in the Arab countries and further legislation on the lines of the draft law for the practice of dentistry and veterinary medicine. A unified law for the practice of pharmacy throughout the Arab World is currently being studied.

Steps by the World Health

Organisation (WHO) to make Arabic an official language for its meetings were praised by the conferees. The Council also decided to support Qatar's candidacy to the membership of the WHO's Executive Bureau.

## Iranian agriculturist to help push back desert

AMMAN. — A senior Iranian agriculturist, Khalid Berin, Wednesday arrived here on a two-week visit to Jordan to advise on plans to stabilise sand drift in the Rum and Disseh region, in southern Jordan.

The Iranian government has already contributed J.D. 25,000 for this project which aims at the stabilisation of sand drift in an area of fifty thousand dunums, to protect the trees and forestry stations in the two localities.

It also approved the establishment of a pharmaceutical industry to produce Variolovaccine, whey, and vaccination serum to help the Arab countries on the road to self-sufficiency in the medical field.

The Conference also called upon all Arab countries to contribute to international research on cancer.

The Conference approved the transfer of \$100,000 from the Arab Health Development Fund to the regional east Mediterranean office as contribution to the anti-malaria programme in North Yemen. The Council also recommended that physical checkups should be carried out on all pilgrims travelling to Saudi Arabia.

A committee was set up to check on the health conditions in Somalia following the drought season there.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-203) provides that all U.S. nationals living abroad shall have the right to register to vote and to cast their ballots in any Federal election, general, special or primary, provided each meets the qualifications and requirements of the State in which he/she is registering, that he maintains no domicile in any other state, and that he possesses a valid passport or card of identity. The State in which a person registers will either be that of which he is a domiciliary or, if he has no domicile in the U.S., the one in which he last resided before he left the U.S.

The 1975 Act requires that an application for registration be received by State election officials at least 30 days before election day in order to be given consideration. Absentee ballots must be received by State officials no later than the time the polls are closed on election day in order to be counted.

For further information contact the U.S. Embassy Consular Section between the hours of 8-4:30 Saturdays through Wednesday.

## West Bank engineers warn of "brain drain"

AMMAN, (JT). Engineers in the occupied West Bank warned early this week of brain drain from the occupied territories.

In a memorandum to the Engineers Syndicate in Amman the West Bank engineers called for a greater voice in Arab conferences and asked to be kept in touch with current Arab decision making on such matters.

The engineers also called for a greater financial support from the Syndicate to help them fight Israeli pressures to

## National Center for Geographical to be set up

AMMAN, (JNA). — National Geographic Centre established on Jordan meteorological data, land surveying and topographical maps.

The Centre, which has the ability to produce maps for defence and developmental purposes, function as an advisory for all governmental organisations.

The Centre will have fifty trainees enrol in a two-year course.

The size of the Centre will be at the Royal Society in Jubaila.

## Public debt to be amended

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Finance is preparing an amendment to the state's public debt law to enable it to increase the use of development financing to the investment of the Five-Year Plan sources said her day.

It has also established new departments at the Bank. The first is the Debt Department; the Foreign Exchange Department, is to control money exchange and transfers currencies, and to monitor foreign movements.

Public debt activities previously handled by the Finance Department will be handled by the Finance Department of the central Bank.

## TAX PAYER ASSISTANCE

### FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX

A representative of the United States Internal Revenue Service will provide taxpayer assistance to all persons wishing to file a United States Federal Income Tax return. The representative will offer 1 day seminars from 0900 to 1200 hours on Sunday March 7, 1976 and Monday March 8, 1976. In addition, will be available for assistance on a walk-in basis from 13.30 to 16.00 hours on March 7 and March 8 the morning and afternoon of March 9 and the morning of March 10.

Both the seminars and the walk-in assistance will be at the American Center (USIS) just off the Circle. All who have tax questions or problems are urged to use the services of the IRS representative which are provided free of charge.

## Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6 :	8.30 Reportage
6.00 Quran	9.30 Arabic feature film
6.10 Cartoons	
6.30 Famous Arab personalities	CHANNEL 6 :
7.00 Arabic series	7.30 News in Hebrew
8.00 News in Arabic	7.45 Varieties
	8.30 Clayhanger
CHANNEL 3 :	9.30 Feature film
7.30 Science and life	10.00 News in English
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## Amman Airport

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8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)	8.40 Dhahran, Kuwait
9.30 Rome	8.45 Dubai, Abu Dhabi
10.00 Cairo	11.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)
11.30 Copenhagen, Frankfurt	16.15 Cairo
12.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)	16.55 London
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19.00 Abu Dhabi, Bangkok.	18.30 Beirut (M.E.A.)

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7.30 News Bulletin
7.45- Morning Melodies
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Science report
18.45 Break for music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News reports
19.30 Sign off.

## Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—240	Oranges (Local) 50—80
Apples (Golden) 120—150	Oranges (Naval) 70—100
Apples (Starken) 140—170	Potatoes (Egyptian) 80
Bananas 150—190	Potatoes (Local) 100—120
Bel Pepper 120—150	Tomatoes 70—100
Beets 50—70	Tangerine 40—70
Eggplant 100—140	
Cabbage 30—45	
Chestnuts 300—350	
Carrots (Yellow) 40—60	
Carrots (Black) 50—70	
Cucumbers (Small) 300—350	
Cucumbers (Large) 200—250	
Grapefruit 50—65	
Garlic 50—70	
Hot Pepper 300—340	
Horse Beans 150—180	
Marrow (Small) 200—250	
Marrow (Large) 120—160	
Onions 120—160	
Oranges (French) 60—100	

## Tonight's Emergencies

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 Dr Farouk Kalouti (2228)

PHARMACIES :  
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The Armed Forces' Movement would oppose all those in Portugal who "are trying to make use of the recognition of Angola as a political weapon with which to defend certain interests" Major Antunes said.

Greek and Turkish negotiators met in Berne last month to resolve their countries' dispute over influence in the Aegean, but informed sources said there had been little progress at the talks.

In the book the "Red Devils" themselves accuse "communist circles" of having exploited the

Delegates will also attend several religious recitations and folk art performances.

Mr Sabri said such forces, which engineered the policy of detente with the U.S., concluded trade deals with it and supported co-existence with the West, had criticised Egypt for doing the same.

"Those forces argue that if Egypt seeks detente with the U.S. then it is an agent and it would be better for it to become a Soviet stooge," he wrote.

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## Lockheed scandal threatens officials in Japan, Greece

TOKYO, Feb. 25 (Agencies). — The Defence Ministry has already said there is no evidence linking Greeks with the Lockheed payoff scandal.

Lockheed has supplied Greece with military aircraft and leads a consortium which is to establish an aircraft maintenance and repair factory. This contract was the result of lengthy negotiations.

A member of the Union of the Democratic Centre, the major opposition party, criticised the government in Parliament yesterday for treating the 120 million dollar Lockheed contract as urgent and hurrying Parliament into passing it without holding an international tender.

Mr. Miki said, "If the whole issue is kept unsolved with the names of the officials remaining in doubt, democracy in Japan may suffer a fatal blow."

He said that the disclosure of all relevant material would better serve the interest of Japanese politics and of friendship between the two countries.

"I am convinced that our democracy is strong enough to stand the test. The truth must be sought with courage and we have the confidence to face up to its consequences," Mr. Miki said.

In Greece, a Greek opposition leader called on the government today for an inquiry into the activities in Greece of the Lockheed Aircraft Company.

Mr. Andreas Papandreu, leader of the opposition Panhellenic Socialist Movement, said in a press statement he wanted an Inter-Parliamentary Committee to make the inquiry.

It should examine all contracts signed with Lockheed during the seven-year military dictatorship, which ended in July 1974, and one signed by the present civilian government last November.

## Jakarta, Bali likely sites for OPEC May meet

JAKARTA, Feb. 25 (AFP). — The forthcoming OPEC oil ministers conference next May 27 may be held successively in Jakarta and Bali, a spokesman for the Indonesian state company Pertamina said today.

He said there is also a possibility that the entire three-day meeting will be in Jakarta to be followed by a sightseeing trip to Bali.

The conference is to set a new ceiling price for oil, the current price being good only until next July, he said.

Sources said the conference will also take up the problem of "cut-price exports" by some of the OPEC countries.



CONFRONTATION OVER AIRPORT. — Radical Japanese students in helmets who oppose the construction of the new international airport in Tokyo thrust bamboo sticks at riot police who attempted to remove a 210-foot-high tower (background) which farmers erected to obstruct plane flights.

## Wilson plan aims to boost private industry in U.K.

LONDON, Feb. 24, (R). — Prime Minister Harold Wilson has decided that Britain must stop living beyond its means and has taken action to concentrate resources on the expansion of industry at the expense of public spending.

The Labour Government's intentions were rammed home to the British people in earnest last week, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, (Finance Minister) Mr Denis Healey, chopped more than 3,000 million sterling off future spending plans.

Labour, the party which built the welfare state, decided

that it had no alternative but to let some of its cherished public services take a back seat in the interest of national solvency and economic recovery.

The cuts were a reminder of the depth of Britain's financial crisis after a series of more encouraging economic developments had lifted spirits since the new year.

The balance of payments deficit in 1975 was less than half the appalling 3,800 million sterling the previous year, and is still declining.

Voluntary wage restraints agreed between the government and the trade union movement last July are holding. More than three million people have accepted wage settlements within the limits of no more than six sterling a week all round.

Inflation, running at the rate of 34.8 per cent in the first half of 1975, fell to half that rate over the past six months and should be down to less than 10 per cent annually before the end of the year.

Business optimism is picking up, the stock market has enjoyed a new year boom, and North Sea oil is beginning to flow, giving Britain the promise of self-sufficiency in energy in the 1980's.

Yet despite these hopeful signs, Britain is still in the midst of recession and the recovery seems hesitant. Unemployment, at 1.43 million or 6.1 per cent of the workforce, is the highest since the depression of the thirties, and getting worse.

This year, the public sector borrowing requirement — the difference between revenue and spending — will be very high

and the government is increasingly alarmed at the speed at which the nation is sinking into debt.

It is also anxious to cure one of Britain's chronic economic complaints — the lack of investment in industry which must inevitably damage Britain's export performance if allowed to go unchecked.

This has led the government to devise a new strategy, launched last November with the backing of business leaders and trade unionists.

The purpose of the strategy is to channel manpower and resources into industries that will pay their way, and to give help, if necessary, to those that stand a chance of doing well, but are temporarily in trouble.

Ministers accept that the only way to get the nation back on its feet again financially is to increase industrial productivity.

The cuts in spending, even though they will not start to bite until next year, have been the subject of intense behind the scenes struggles between ministerial departments.

A senior treasury official involved, Mr Joel Barnett, spoke of "blood spilled on my carpet," to describe the anguish.

The cuts hit education hardest, with savings of about 1,000 million sterling over two years, and provoked the resignation

of a left wing junior minister in the Education Department, Miss Joan Lester.

Other victims are roads and transport, housing, health services food subsidies, and the civil service payroll. Defence already severely trimmed, gets off comparatively lightly.

Healey's cuts caused a political explosion from the Labour Party's left-wing, which was enraged that private industry should have its pockets filled while the welfare state goes short.

## LONDON MARKET REPORT

The stock exchange moved ahead Wednesday after an uncertain start following the 31 million pound rights issue by Standard and Chartered Bank.

Leading industrials like Glaxo, Metal Box, Tube Investment and Unilever all progressed. Imperial Chemicals recovered early falls.

The Financial Times Industrial Shares Index was up 2.0 at 409.2, for a gain of over 17 points so far this week.

Companies with Hong Kong connections were firm in hectic trading after the crown colony's "extremely mild" budget. Hong Kong and Shanghai and Jardine Matheson were prominent.

Home banks were down, with Midland easing ahead of Friday's results.

Gilts were upset by an American forecast that Britain's inflation will not slow as fast as the government predicts.

Gold moved up behind the bullion price, but diamonds remained dull; coppers also fell in front of Thursday's crucial meeting in Rhodesia. London tin was also lower.

Despite the firm opening on Wall Street, oils were uncertain.

Plantations had a slightly steadier look, with Highland and Pataling edging up. On the Japanese list, Honda was again easier, reflecting the fall in the dollar-premium.

## Fresh water will flow from the sea in Qatar

Better water supplies are an obvious key to Middle East development. And Qatar is one of the States actively seeking to remedy the water shortage so that living standards can advance and industry expand. It has a big programme for plants producing fresh water from the sea.

Four desalination plants, together valued at more than £30 million, are to be supplied to the State by Weir Westgarth Ltd., of Glasgow, Scotland, a company which has already installed more than 170 such plants throughout the world, 40 of them in the Middle East.

Each of the new plants will have a guaranteed output of 18,000 m3 of pure water daily for drinking and industrial use but will be capable of reaching a higher figure if needed. An on-load cleaning system will enable plants to run continuously for at least 330 days without a shutdown for cleaning.

The first unit is scheduled to be on stream during June 1977 and the whole contract should be completed within a year of that date.

The plants are to be built at the Ras Abu Fontas electricity generating station and will operate on the Weir multiple sta-

ge flash (MSF) distillation process using steam raised by waste-heat boilers from the power station's turbine exhausts.

In this process modern technology makes good use of a simple fact — that if sea-water is boiled, vapour rising from it is salt-free and can be condensed as pure water.

Boiling the sea water takes heat. This can be provided by the steam already used for driving turbines — as in a power station — or that from industrial heating processes. After giving up its heat, the steam goes to condensers to become water for use again in the power station boiler.

Thus engineering ingenuity can make the same steam do two main jobs.

Where no waste steam is available separate steam raising boilers are built for desalination plants.

This modern process also exploits another natural law — that if the pressure around a liquid is reduced the liquid will vaporise at a lower temperature. So the steam is passed through several chambers containing salt water but in each the pressure is reduced in stages. Thus even as the steam goes to condensers to become water for use again in the power station boiler, the steam is cooling it carries on the vaporisation process.

## French consultants for widening Suez Canal

GRENOBLE, FRANCE, Feb. 25, (AFP). — The Suez Canal Authority has chosen a French firm of consulting engineers, SOGREAH, to carry out technical and economic research on widening the international waterway, it was learned here.

Other French engineering firms and the technical departments of independent ports of Le Havre and Marseilles will cooperate with SOGREAH.

One aim of the work will be to define the stages of development in the Canal from the technical and financial viewpoints. SOGREAH will take into account the foreseeable expansion of oil freight and other commodities in the next 20 years.

The Canal was closed on June 5, 1967, and reopened on June 5, 1975.

## Iceland rejects NATO offer on Cod War

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25, (AFP).

Iceland has turned down a North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) proposal to reduce the risk of incidents involving British naval vessels and Icelandic patrol boats by stationing NATO observers on board, reliable sources said here today.

The proposal from members of the alliance put forward before broke off diplomatic with Britain last Thursday because of British violations of its unilaterally declared fishing limits, the added.

Observers were not by Iceland's decision. They pointed out that is not a supra-national organisation, but an alliance that observers from member states could have had no sanctions had boats and royal navy clashed.

Diplomatic sources day said they were p about the chances of ment in the cod war. Iceland had imposed a limit it could not acc. lution involving the of Royal Navy vessels fishing banks.

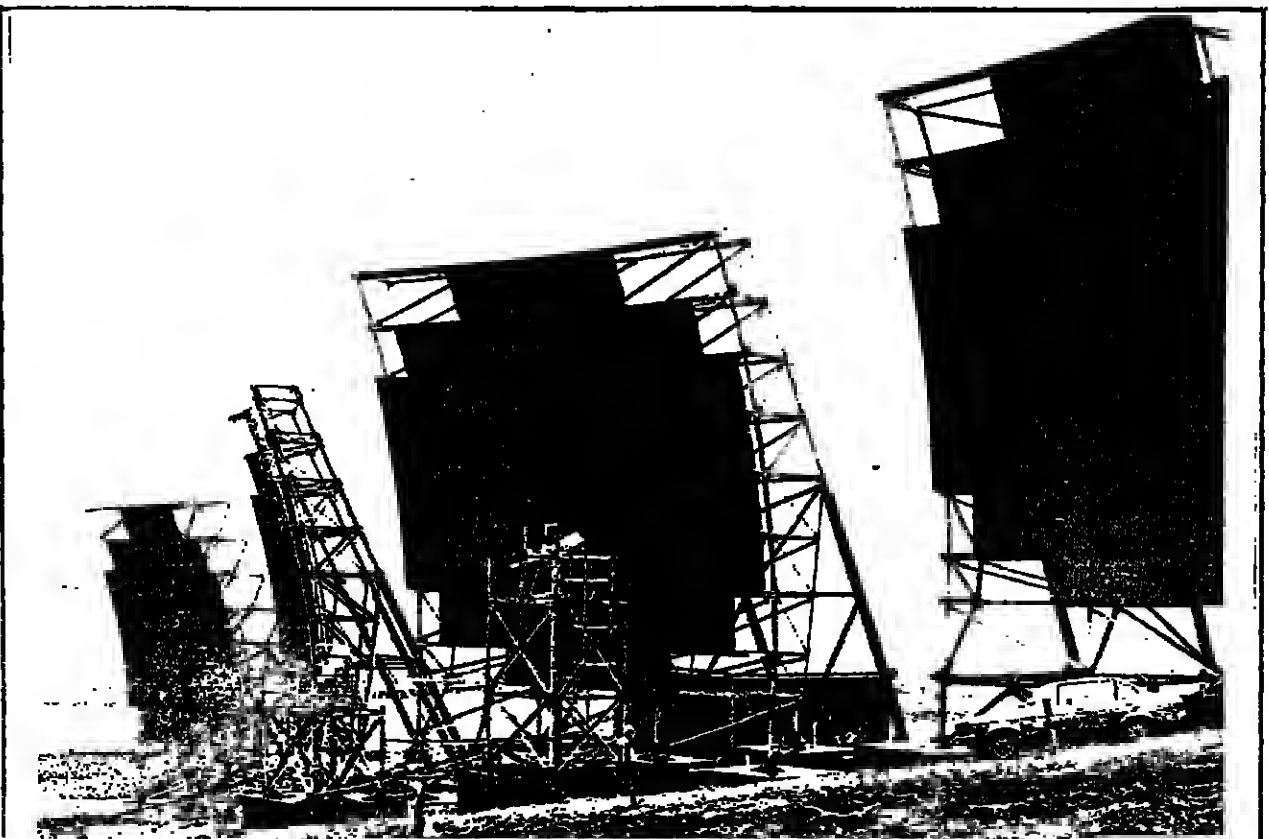
There were only two times, the sources said navy to withdraw, lea fish trawlers to be ch by the patrol boats, or remain with an increase of armed clashes.

## 33 Africa countries establish AFRICAR

YAOUNDE, Feb. 25 — Thirty three countries voted last to set up the African Assurance Company (care) at a conference under the auspices African Development (BAD).

The new Lago company will have task of promoting expanding African insurance companies of winning an and due share of w insurance business fe ca.

Its founders believe company will also reduce Africa's reliance overseas insurers, venting the drain o lopment capital abt



NORTH SEA PHONE. — Some of Britain's most isolated inhabitants — the men working on North Sea oil and gas platforms — are now connected to the public telephone service with direct dialling throughout Britain and to many countries overseas. These 'billboard' aerials at the new radio station at Fraserburgh, Scotland, are for the radio link to a platform 150 km north east of Aberdeen. The technique being used by the Post Office for the first time relies on tropospheric scatter. Radio waves at microwave frequencies are scattered by turbulence in the troposphere — the earth's lower atmosphere. As a result they become 'visible' to aerials far beyond the horizon — just as a searchlight's glow can be seen when the beam itself is out of sight.



## theatre for U.K. villagers means hard work

Today the company is still touring, covering 37000m of the rocky and swooping North Devon terrain every year.

The Orchard is the most formal of the touring groups, presenting repertory plays, Shakespeare and occasionally sponsoring an original production of a commissioned play. For playing areas it uses tiny village

you might expect to see a rough and ready production in the barnstorming tradition, but this is not so. Orchard production are well produced, with outstanding design work adapted to travelling conditions and more than competently acted.

After five years working over 1000 square but tortuous miles (2590km2), theatre director An-

and marionettes, mime artists and jugglers.

When they arrive in a small village they "drum up" interest by parading in full costume and makeup; more like a travelling pageant than a theatre company.

The outdoor shows are the most spectacular, with platforms set up in a field to represent, for example, village shops. An arena is constructed, leaving the audience in the middle, swivelling around to catch up with the action.

Foots Barn productions are mostly based on Cornish legends and so include dragons breathing fire, giants chasing children and evil spirits being banished from the tin mines. These performances seem to grow naturally from the environment with the actors likely to include any happening, animal or human, in the action. An atmosphere of circus carnival prevails.

In search of audiences, Foots Barn has recently taken to invading pubs, creating a special show for the occasion, but it has not added much to its repertoire.

Medium Fair, another group operating in east Devon, has also performed in pubs. A more socially orientated company, it takes in mental hospitals and beach shows on its tours. It is the only one in the region that might be thought to be slightly politically motivated. This does not inhibit it putting on a modern version of the mystery play "Everyman" in churches. Recently its members have been engaged in a research experiment, staying in villages for a week, researching local history and "recycling" it into a show.

All the touring companies exist with subsidies from the Arts Council. The South West Arts Association distributes the grants annually. Each year there is a crisis.

This type of theatre can never be financially viable. Paradoxically, the more successful it becomes, the greater its liabilities.

It has brought colour & stimulation to out-of-the-way places, & now some adult education centres are running courses on how to form a company and produce touring shows.

One college extended a drama course, to give students a year at touring theatre, forming one called Red Earth and touring the circuit with the other groups.

Touring theatres have made an impact and will probably continue, if only in a limited form.

## Separation: the key to recycling materials

In the swiftly developing technology of recycling materials for recovery and re-use there is a requirement which is common to virtually every process—pre-separation. Industrial products that have become obsolete or have been discarded for other reasons can be recycled back into manufacture only if the various materials they contain are first separated one from another.

It is essential in establishing any recovery process to determine precisely what substances

Strainers provide a logical route to the separation of powdered or granulated material suspended in liquid.

But often this method is not feasible so the natural progression must be to filters. Filtration has developed its own special technology and is a field in which several British companies operate.

A leader in this field is permutit-Bobby a firm which provides a comprehensive range of plant and services.

Its Stella-Meta Filters Divi-

before their useful life is over. The elimination of such waste is the object of a four-point plan by Paul de la Pena a firm which specialises in maximising the effective life of soluble oils.

First, a simple, low cost dip-slide test is used to monitor the bacteria level in a cutting fluid—a steriliser cleaner can be applied in cases of high-level infection. Secondly, a high quality cutting fluid is provided, well protected with biocides. Thirdly, biocides are introduced where the coolant has been infected



Freddy: the mobile sump filtration unit.

are to be handled and in what combination. Only then is it possible to tackle the crux of the reclamation problem—the production of "specification" raw materials.

In the processing of furnace feed for the steel and foundry industries, electromagnetism can be employed extremely effectively. Even an electromagnet used as a crane attachment can prove an extremely effective means of almost literally "pulling" iron and steel from mixed scrap of all kinds.

Metals recovery frequently presents more complex processing problems, however. The clearly finite amount of metal deposits in Earth's crust makes recycling essential—not merely to preserve these resources but also to maintain supplies of non-ferrous and precious metals at prices that are economically realistic. In world commodity markets the medium and long-term trend of these prices is upwards, so it is becoming progressively more economic to recover metals at lower and still lower concentrations.

In some instances quite elementary processing principles can be employed. The centrifuging of solutions containing metal or other mineral deposits can provide a de-watered sludge which can then be processed to produce metal, as such or in a chemical form, or other recoverable substance.

sion specialists in fine filtration—liquids from solids and solids from liquids. The Stella filter has a candle-type precoat element in stainless steel or a variety of plastics materials; the Meta filter features a ring pack type of candle element; and the Industrial filter is equipped with leaves or tubes.

The company also markets a set which is capable of supplying potable water from sources that would otherwise be unfit for drinking.

The final stage of a high-purity reprocessing application is likely to be filter press—usually a heavy and cumbersome machine requiring two operators and calling for considerable physical effort during the opening, plate moving and closing operations.

As well as being a vital part of recycling technology, separation processes are economically important in stretching the useful life of such materials as cutting fluids used in machine shops.

Machine tool operators can waste considerable money and appreciable quantities of oil by disposing of cutting fluids long

by bacteria but has not passed the point-of-no-return.

Fourthly comes Freddy. This is a mobile sump filtration unit which will physically clean cutting fluid by removing sludge, slime, chips and swarf as well as filtering the cutting fluid down to below 10 micrometres.

## Syrian puppet troupe arrives

AMMAN. — The government-sponsored Syrian Puppet Theatre Troupe composed of 14 members, arrived here Wednesday for a week-long visit at the invitation of the Department of Culture and Arts.

The troupe's programme includes two plays to be given at the Department of Culture and Arts Theatre.

The troupe's visit implements the cultural agreement signed by the two parties months ago as part of the integration moves between the two countries.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

GOETHE INSTITUTE 6.00 p.m. German lecture and discussion lead by F. R. Becher.



Foots Barn "drum up" in an effort to draw a crowd.

halls, inns and schools, transporting its own seating, scenery and lighting. This is a highly portable theatre, but it means hard work on a minimum salary

for the actors who are also expected to erect the seats, hump the scenery around and then dismantle it before driving home.

With this kind of schedule

dy Noble feels that the company has become an accepted part of the community. Visiting villages with populations of less than 1000, it can fill a hall with 300 people, many of whom are seeing live theatre for the first time.

Another touring company, Foots Barn, has had a much rougher passage, which is reflected in its work. Five years ago it settled on a remote farm site with derelict barns and stables, its aim to build a theatre for the Cornish people.

This idealistic concept was backed up by the determination of its members to be self-supporting, growing their own food, receiving only wages in kind, with essential personal expenditure coming from a small weekly pool.

Remarkably, this arrangement has continued without acrimony. Foots Barn actors are still without real wages, cheerfully staggering from one crisis to the next. Touring Cornwall with one van and living in tents they have managed to survive from day to day and hand to mouth.

In the summer they perform outdoors as a "street theatre" in a field, passing the hat round for the next day's dinner. Foots Barn must be the nearest thing alive to a commedia dell'arte company: clowns and acrobats, grotesques and giants, puppets

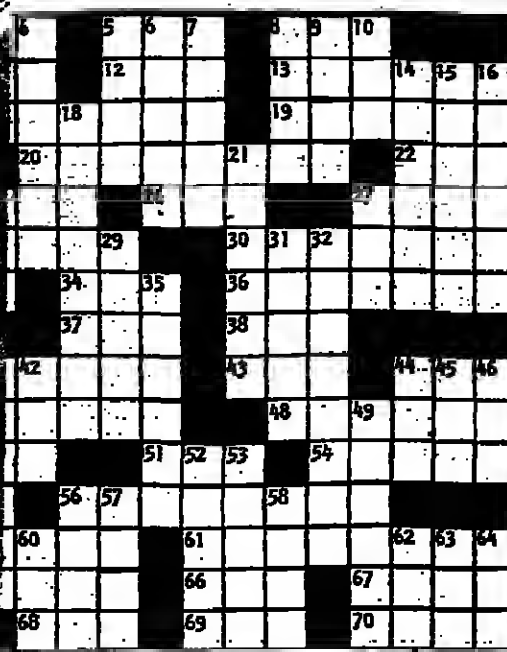
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- 1 Shea tenants
  - 5 RR unit: Abbr.
  - 8 Mouths: Lat.
  - 11 Famed fabulist: Var.
  - 12 Tote
  - 13 Male animal
  - 17 Have no hand in: 2 wds.
  - 19 Anti-knock number
  - 20 Entourages
  - 22 Nobleman: Dial.
  - 23 "Charity"
  - 26 Whitehouse nickname
  - 27 Bant: Fr.
  - 28 Ledger entries
  - 30 — sound: 2 wds.
  - 33 Voice vote of yore
  - 34 Put your — in (middle)
  - 36 Commences: 2 wds.
  - 37 Bravo
  - 38 Rather then
  - 39 Timothy and rescue
  - 43 Comedienne
  - 44 Past
  - 47 Most like a sloth
  - 48 Israeli farewell
  - 50 English river
  - 51 Military men in charge: Abbr.
  - 54 Full of pep
  - 55 Title for Lancelot
  - 56 Contrite
  - 59 Derisive expressions
  - 61 Jewelry accessories
  - 65 Kowtow: 2 wds.
  - 66 Bridge play result
  - 67 Uncommon: Lat.
  - 68 Face feature
  - 69 Natural resource
  - 70 Disembogues
- DOWN
- 1 Brooks or Ferrer
  - 2 Wind direction
  - 3 Sand-box member
  - 4 "Brother, Can You Dime": 2 wds.
  - 5 Token's place
  - 6 Greek garment
  - 7 Rocket name
  - 8 Indian
  - 9 Birds of fable
  - 10 How much: Abbr.
  - 14 American soprano
  - 15 Put on the oil
  - 16 Shipworm
  - 18 Have one's fling: 2 wds.
  - 21 Rugged weather overcoat
  - 23 Lid lesion
  - 24 Anguish
  - 25 Greek letter
  - 27 The big house for short
  - 29 Register records
  - 31 Emanations
  - 32 Carte blanche: 2 wds.
  - 35 "Scottie" of "The Times"
  - 39 Slick
  - 40 Gorge
  - 41 North Atlantic islands group
  - 42 Hebrew letter
  - 44 Baba
  - 45 Political Science: Abbr.
  - 46 Cockney's castle
  - 49 Church features
  - 52 Scot
  - 53 — one's course (go after)
  - 56 Beg
  - 57 Anglo-Saxon laborer
  - 58 Grafted: Har.
  - 60 Scotch uncle
  - 62 Refresher of a sort
  - 63 Three: Ital.
  - 64 "I never — a purple cow"

## Tonight's TV Features

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## Aussies deny receiving Iraqi campaign donations

CANBERRA, Feb. 25. (AP) — Two Iraqi government officials who met opposition Labour Party Leader Gough Whitlam here last December apparently gave false reasons to obtain entry visas, Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser declared today.

He told the house of representatives that the two officials, from the foreign ministry in Baghdad, were given visas in Tokyo after telling the Australian embassy there they wanted to discuss the setting up of an Iraqi consulate in Sydney.

But when they arrived they said they were visiting relatives and made no contact with the Australian Foreign Ministry, Mr Fraser added.

The prime minister added that he had ordered an inquiry into their visit.

Mr Whitlam, whose government was replaced by a Libe-

ral-National Country Party coalition after last December's general election, has said he met two members of Iraq's ruling Ba'ath Socialist Party on December 10 but denied that they discussed Iraqi financial contributions to his party's election campaign.

While in Tel Aviv, Robert Hawke, President of the Australian Labour Party, confirmed today that the Iraqi government offered to contribute \$500,000 to Labour's election campaign last December.

But party leaders "flatly rejected" the offer, he said.

He said he could not discuss the matter further until he had consulted party leaders in Australia.

"If necessary I will interrupt my trip and go back to Australia in order to convey the executive of the party," Mr Hawke added.



CARNIVAL DANCE. — Attractive legs on broadly smiling Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's (left) cabinet table belong to Lydia Korb, champion of West Germany's "Carnival Dance" majorettes. Her performance opened a one-hour reception in Schmidt's cabinet room for Rhineland Carnival Royalties. (AP wirephoto).

## Moscow makes solid cutback proposals to NATO states

MOSCOW, Feb. 25 (R). — The Warsaw Pact has for the first time proposed to NATO reductions in specific items of nuclear and other equipment, diplomatic sources said here today.

In a speech yesterday to the 25th Soviet Communist Party Congress, Party leader Leonid Brezhnev referred to "concrete proposals" made by the Soviet Bloc at the mutual force reduction talks in Vienna.

The sources said previous Soviet Bloc proposals had not gone into specific numbers on equipment but had said troop reductions should encompass all sorts of equipment, including units and sub-units equipped with nuclear weapons.

Mr Brezhnev appeared to indicate that the new proposals went a stage further when he said: "We have made perfectly concrete proposals concerning reduction by both sides of the number of tanks, nuclear missile-carrying planes and missile launchers along with a definite quantity of nuclear warheads for them."

## Bahrain sets up oil company for all industrial fields

BAHRAIN, Feb. 25. (R). — A state-owned firm to be known as the Bahrain National Oil Company is to be set-up under a decree issued today by the emir, Sheikh Isa Ibn Salman Al-Khalifa.

The decree said the company, with a capital of 100 million Bahraini dinars (about 125 million sterling), will be based in Manama, and operate inside and outside Bahrain.

The new company will be involved in exploration for oil, gas and other hydrocarbon products and in their refining, transport, storage, marketing and export.

It was not immediately clear what relation the new company will have with the Bahrain Petroleum Company (BAPCO) which is 60 per cent owned by the government and 40 per cent by the U.S. firm Caltex.

## Phalangists want security before new Lebanese cabinet

BEIRUT, Feb. 25 (AFP). — Conservative Christian political leaders told Syrian mediators today that restoring security was more urgent than enlarging the cabinet to form a government of national reconciliation.

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam and Air Force Commander General Naji Jamil were given this viewpoint at a lunch in a mountain stronghold of Phalange Party militia at Bickfaya, 30 kilometres from the capital.

Mr Khaddam told newsmen afterwards that Phalange Party head Pierre Gemayal said he would "approve of any government capable of establishing security."

Moslem leftist leaders have objected to joining a reconciliation cabinet, contending that President Suleiman Franjeh has promised insufficient political reforms.

## Rhodesian forces chase, kill 24 nationalist guerrillas

SALISBURY, Feb. 25. (Agencies). — Rhodesian security forces chased and killed at least 24 black guerrillas in a major clash in the Mozambique border area, it was announced here today.

Security forces headquarters said in a communique that its men launched "hot pursuit operations" following an attack by guerrillas in which a Rhodesian rifleman was killed and four other soldiers wounded.

The clash was believed to have taken place in the past 24 hours, and the phrase "hot pursuit" could indicate that the security forces may have chased the guerrillas back across the border into Mozambique, where their bases are.

The casualty toll was believed to be the highest in any single clash since the black nationalists began their bush warfare in 1972.

It came on the eve of the arrival of British Envoy Lord Greenhill on a mission to sound out both sides in the Rhodesia constitutional talks with a view to possible renewed British involvement.

The talks resume tomorrow after a two-week break, but prospects for agreement were viewed as very slim.

Meanwhile Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith today rejected suggestions that he is about to resign.

Answering parliamentary questions, Mr Smith said he had no intention of resigning.

The Rhodesian Information Minister also used parliament today to attack South African press reports about Rhodesia and accused a London-based company with interests in Africa of being the instigator of the reports.

The opposition African National Council faction of Bishop Abel Muzorewa—which has so far not been involved in the

constitutional negotiations between the government and the Nkomo faction—today affirmed the possibility of intervention in the issue.

A statement from the rewa faction issued here the British involvement "irrelevant and annoying" said the issue of the "lib of the oppressed major Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) is of secondary concern a terest to the British," a they were mainly exerc "their fear of the Russian bans and communism."

## Ford asks Scranton to maintain tough posture at U.N

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25 (AFP). — President Gerald R. Ford today asked the new U.S. representative to the United Nations, William Scranton, to maintain the assertive policy predecessor Daniel Patrick Moynihan.

Officially announcing his appointment of Mr Scranton, former governor of Pennsylvania, to the U.N. post, Mr Ford observed that "the posture standing against unfair has been good from the view of the United States."

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger also praised Mr Moynihan, who resigned to a Harvard University professorship, and said he would support Mr Scranton would U.S. interests in the same as his predecessor.

Mr Scranton, 59, himself an admirer of Mr Ford, Mr Kissinger and credited the of Mr Ford, Mr Kissinger Moynihan with its position in the Nations.

The new U.S. delegation will not take office until the confirms his nomination



ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR. — Frank Sinatra (left) and Buddy Howe, dean of the Friars Club, chat prior to presentation of the show business organization's Oscar Tuesday night at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The Oscar that Howe is holding symbolises Sinatra as entertainer of the year.

## Israelis to sound out Washington

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rejected two United States proposals for partial Israeli withdrawals from the Golan Heights the Jordanian Newspaper Al-Dustour reported today.

It said President Hafez Assad regarded the suggestions as contradicting Syria's views on how the Middle East conflict should be settled.

The first plan, proposing an Israeli pullback from some parts of the Golan Heights without any Syrian commitments in return, was presented to the Syrian shortly before last month's United Nations Security Council debate on the

Middle East, it said.

The Americans then suggested simultaneous Israeli withdrawals from the Golan Heights and the West Bank of the Jordan, Al-Dustour went on.

Syria also turned this down from the belief that it was prejudicial to the interests of the Palestinians, according to the newspaper.

It said President Assad dismissed the suggestions when he met Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leaders, including Executive Committee Chairman Yasser Arafat, in Damascus last Saturday.

## Nixon hosts Chinese to lavish banquet

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Mr. Nixon continued "that the Turkish Cypriot leadership is trying to prolong the talks in day trip in southern China, said four years ago sceptics considered it impossible to bridge the gulf between China and the U.S."

Quoting one of Chairman Mao's sayings, he declared: "Nothing is hard in this world if one dares to scale the heights."

Mr. Nixon spent Wednesday afternoon visiting an underground air-raid shelter in the Ta Cha La district of southern Peking.

During the visit, which lasted 45 minutes, the former U.S. President saw for himself the protective measures that would be taken by the people of Peking in the case of a conventional or nuclear attack.

The explanations were illustrated by a luminous electronic indicator panel showing major sections of the underground network.

Mr. Nixon was told that the main danger of war came from the Soviet Union.

Back in Washington, Republican Senator Barry Goldwater said former President Nixon could do the United States a favour by staying in China.

Senator Goldwater, one of the Republican Party's conservatives, joined critics who are angered by the timing of Mr. Nixon's current return visit to

China and his remarks in Peking on U.S. foreign policy.

"I don't think Mr. Nixon's visit to China did anything and if he wants to do this country a favour, he might stay over there," Senator Goldwater said in a television interview.

## Makarios says Turks stall

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an effort to de-internationalise the problem and consolidate in the meantime the de facto situation."

The northern part of Cyprus has been occupied by Turkish forces since they invaded the island in 1973 following a coup by Greek officers of the national guard which temporarily deposed the Archbishop.

Archbishop Makarios said he was "encouraged by the fact that U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has secured an obligation from both sides to present concrete written proposals within a specified time." But he said he was discouraged by recent Turkish statements "spelling out the conditions and criteria for a solution."

He went on to accuse the Turkish side of not being prepared to make concessions "which would provide common ground for an agreement." The Archbishop was speaking during a presentation of diplomatic credentials.

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